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REMARKS

Claims 1-11

Claim 1 is an independent claim, from which claims 2-11 ultimately depend. Claims 1-11 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-6 and 8-11 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hubacher (6,711,688) in view of Dutcher (6,021,496). Claim 7 has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter, and which would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 7 directly depends from claim 1.

Applicant has amended claim 1 as follows. First, the subject matter of claim 7 has been entered into claim 1, where the phrase "user log-in" has been truncated to "log-in" when entering the subject matter of claim 7 into claim 1 to resolve the 35 USC 112 rejection as to claim 7. Second, with respect to the limitation "network drivers" within claim 1, this limitation has been amended to "network driver" (in the singular), so that it has proper antecedent basis. (This same amendment has been made to claims 5 and 6 as well, since the same 35 USC 112 rejection applies to these claims.) Claim 7 has also been cancelled.

Applicant notes that there appears to be some confusion as to which "log-in" of multiple potential log-ins is recited in claim 1. Applicant believes that by incorporating claim 7 into claim 1, in which the log-in is stated as including "hardware profile selection," that this issue as to claim 1 is now resolved. If Applicant's belief is incorrect, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact Applicant's representative, Michael Dryja, at the phone number listed below, so that an examiner's amendment can be entered to correct any further deficiencies. As it stands, Applicant believes that claim 1 is now in allowable form, such that claims 2-6 and 8-11 are also allowable.

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Claims 12-16

Claim 12 is an independent claim, from which claims 13-16 ultimately depend. Applicant has amended claim 12 so that it substantially incorporates the subject matter of claim 7, which has been indicated as being allowable. In particular, claim 12 is now limited to inclusion of "log-in by a user," which includes "hardware profile selection," and the loading of the network device drivers "after the log-in by the user." Applicant believes that incorporating these salient aspects of claim 7 into claim 12 renders claim 12, and claims 13-16 that depend from claim 12, allowable. If Applicant's belief is incorrect, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact Applicant's representative, Michael Dryja, so that an examiner's amendment can be entered to render claim 12 allowable.

Claims 17-20

Claim 17 is an independent claim, from which claims 18-20 ultimately depend. Applicant has amended claim 17 so that it substantially incorporates the salient subject matter of claim 7, which has been indicated as being allowable. In particular, claim 17 is now limited to the loading of the network drivers "after the log-in by the user." Applicant believes that the addition of this limitation to claim 17 renders claim 17, and claims 18-20 that depend from claim 17, allowable. That is, the addition of this limitation to claim 17 is believed to resolve the issue as to which log-in is being specified in claim 17, consistent, for instance, with paragraph 20 on page 9 of the Final Office Action of November 18, 2005. If Applicant's belief is incorrect, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's representative, Michael Dryja, so that an examiner's amendment can be entered to render claim 17 allowable.

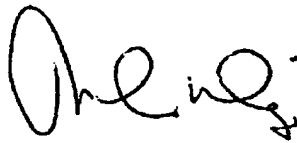
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Conclusion

Applicant has very much made a diligent effort to place the pending claims in condition for allowance, and request that they so be allowed. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Mike Dryja, Applicant's Attorney, at 425-427-5094, so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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